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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - November 19, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Sergio Santiago-Hernandez was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable M. James Lorenz to serve 60 months in prison, following Santiago-Hernandez's conviction for being a deported alien illegally attempting to reenter the United States. Judge Lorenz also ordered that Santiago-Hernandez serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence A. Casper, who prosecuted the case, Santiago-Hernandez admitted during his earlier guilty plea that on January 11, 2007, he was an alien who attempted to enter the United States illegally at the San Ysidro Port of Entry after having been previously removed from the United States to Mexico. Santiago-Hernandez entered his guilty plea on May 31, 2007.

According to court documents, on January 11, 2007, Santiago-Hernandez presented false identification documents in an attempt to enter the United States illegally. Court records show that Santiago-Hernandez is a citizen and national of Mexico with an extensive criminal history, including convictions for robbery; shooting at an inhabited vehicle/dwelling; and being a deported alien found in the United States.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case No 07cr0337-L**

Sergio Santiago-Hernandez

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES -**

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b) – Attempted reentry of deported alien

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